

Today's News - Wednesday, April 30, 2008

London's Olympic Aquatics Center called "over-designed" and wayyy over budget. – Kamin minces no words about plans to put Chicago Children's Museum in Grant Park. – He gives a thumbs-up to Joffrey Ballet's new home (with some reservations). – University expansions in Boston are testing town-gown relationships. – Big expansion plans for the Dublin Institute of Technology. – Dunster bemoans "a profession happier to serve its paymasters than the environment or the public." – Starchitects and corporate icons make this student generation uneasy. – Alsop "parachuted in" to help retrofit his award-winning office building. – Hoskins wins bid to design Scottish pavilion at Venice Biennale. – Six sweet schemes for Manchester's Tutti Frutti development. – Hume not happy: if Toronto "can't even manage to give cyclists their fair share of the road, what hope is there?" – Washington gears up with first bike-share program in U.S. – Campbell coos over ASLA's green roof. – Gehry's library at Princeton almost ready for its close-up. – A glass beacon to adorn the Canadian Museum of Nature. – Shigeru Ban pavilion to go on the auction block. – British Columbia honors its best. – What might be in store for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. – Four examples of great contemporary architecture in Paris. – Call for entries: LA Forum Liner Competition (short notice to register). – We couldn't resist: a real estate agency for squatters.

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[House of Commons committee slams Zaha's 'expensive' and 'overdesigned' Olympic Aquatics Centre ...up to £303 million today from £73 million in 2004... "shows a risible approach to cost control and that the Games organisers seem to be willing to spend money like water."](#) – Zaha Hadid [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Call it off: Relocating Chicago Children's Museum to Grant Park would wreak havoc for both for decades to come...The plan remains a bad marriage in the making — as bad for the museum as it would be for Grant Park.](#) By Blair Kamin -- Krueck & Sexton-Chicago Tribune

[Joffrey Ballet's MoMo brings some muscle to State Street: ...this newcomer to the Loop is a plus: strong, straightforward, chock-a-block with activities, an old-style Chicago building with just enough 21st Century spin to make it fresh.](#) By Blair Kamin -- Laurence Booth/Booth Hansen Associates- Chicago Tribune

[Boston Squeezed as Colleges and Universities Expand: Although local officials generally welcome such projects, some plans are testing town-gown relationships.](#) -- Behnisch Architekten; Sasaki Associates; Cannon Design- Architectural Record

[Grangegorman: all in by 2010: ...a new home for the Dublin Institute of Technology represents the single largest educational project in the history of the state.](#) -- Moore Ruble Yudell; DMOD Architects- The Irish Times

[Which side are you on? Today's buildings have all the hallmarks of being designed by a profession happier to serve its paymasters than the environment or the public...will the establishment architects change the code? Or will the code change the architecture?](#) By the eco warrior: Bill Dunster/Zedfactory- RIBA Journal (UK)

[No stars in our eyes: Starchitects and corporate icons make this student generation uneasy. They know the future is about multidisciplinary collaboration and ethically aware design...There appears to be a backlash against the commercial tide among some students and young practices, who are recoiling from projects that as a priority seek to satisfy corporate end-goals.](#) By the student: Zoe Berman- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Will Alsop to aid Palestra's bid to generate its own power: ...the capital's first building to use a hydrogen fuel cell of this size - has asked Alsop to give the plant a more "sculptural" form.](#) -- SMC Also [image]- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Scots architect heads to Venice after design win: Gareth Hoskins will design Gathering Space, the Scottish presence at the 2008 Venice Architecture Biennale...](#) - The Herald (Scotland)

[Urban Splash unveils six sweet schemes for Manchester: ... submitted for planning as part of its Tutti Frutti development in New Islington.](#) -- Richard Daw and Roberta Haslam; Chance de Silva; Sheppard Robson; Nazar Sayigh/Glas Architects; Peter Roberts; Richard Frankland/FKDA Architects [image]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Time to get into the lane game: Toronto lags far behind other cities – even other Canadian cities – as a bike-friendly community...Bicycles won't solve all the problems we face, of course, but if we can't even manage to give cyclists their fair share of the road, what hope is there?](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[Bicycle-Sharing Program to Be First of Kind in U.S.: A new public-private venture called SmartBike DC...While automated bike-sharing programs are new to the United States, the idea of bike-sharing is hardly novel.](#) - New York Times

[Up high and down to earth: A beauty of a green roof comes with benefits...Americans are laggards in green roofs...The ASLA roof is intended to change that.](#) By Robert Campbell -- Michael Van Valkenburgh: Michael Van Valkenburgh- Boston Globe

[Gehry-designed Lewis Library at university nearing completion: "We got everything out of the design that we were after," said Craig Webb... \[image\]- Princeton Packet](#)

[Glass beacon to welcome museumgoers: The Canadian Museum of Nature will](#)

[undergo a dramatic change in appearance...with the construction of a \\$10-million glass tower above the front entrance, which...pushes the limits of glass and structural engineering.](#) -- Barry Padolsky Associates; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg (KPMB)- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

[Sotheby's to Offer Artek Pavilion by Shigeru Ban at Sale of Important 20th Century Design](#)...proceeds being donated to arts and culture affiliated charities. [image]- Art Daily

[2008 AIBC Architectural Awards winners -- Busby Perkins+Will; Omicron AEC/architectsAlliance; Bevanda Architecture; mcfarlane/green/biggar architecture; Measured Architecture; Marko Simcic; Urban Arts Architecture; Joe Y. Wai Architect; Acton Ostry Architects](#)- Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC)

[Some day his plinth will come: Patrick Brill, aka Bob and Roberta Smith, is an original and free-spirited artist whose work, says Lynn Barber, would bring a bit of pizzazz to Trafalgar Square \[slide show\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Vive la différence: Paris is so uniformly elegant that sometimes you just cry out for a building that breaks the mould. Here are four examples of contemporary architecture that catch the eye.](#) -- Oscar Niemeyer; Frank Gehry; Dietmar Feichtinger; Dominique Perrault [images]- Guardian (UK)

[Call for entries: LA Forum Liner Competition: the first permanent home for the Forum in a 15-foot wide storefront on Hollywood Boulevard; registration deadline: May 2](#)- Los Angeles Forum for Architecture and Urban Design

['Estate agents' offer empty homes for squat: ...On the Squatters Estate Agents' 'books' are scores of former pubs, abandoned flats and houses, derelict council properties and empty buildings owned by Government departments.](#)- Daily Mail (UK)

-- Broadway Malyan: Rossio Station, Lisbon, Portugal
-- Book: "Project Vitra" by Cornel Windlin & Rolf Fehlbaum

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